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Serial No.: 09/843,799)	
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Filed: April 30, 2001)	
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed May 25, 2004, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully request in view of the following remarks.

All of the pending claims (claims 42, 46, and 50-65) are rejected based on U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0154097 A1 to Chen (hereafter, "Chen"). Applicants respectfully submit that Chen is not prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), because Chen was not filed prior to the invention by the present Applicants.

Chen was filed on April 20, 2001. As set forth in the Rule 131 Declaration of Inventors, enclosed herewith, the inventors conceived of the invention of claims 42, 46, and 50-65 prior to April 20, 2001. Moreover, during the ten day period from April 20 to April 30 (the filing and thus constructive reduction to practice of the present application), Applicants exercised reasonable diligence in moving toward filing the application as quickly as possible. Accordingly, Applicants' date of invention precedes the April 20 filing date of Chen.

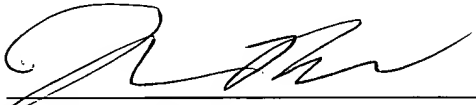
All rejections having been traversed, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice to this effect is requested. Should the Examiner

believe that anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the below-listed number.

Respectfully Submitted,

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